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 W. Dan Hord, III, et al.
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 For: **AN ACETYLENE
 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 26, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 26, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEST/0005.D1/WCG for \$125.00 for one additional independent claim, along with any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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